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2Gun Dealers Held Eager To Deal With 'Terrorists'

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Two arms merchants were so eager to ceal with undercover agents they thought were terrorists that one of the merchants, displaying lethal poisons, said, "Let's go up to Harlem and get somebody," an assistant district attorney testified yesterday.

Matthew Crosson; the assistant district attorney, also said one of the merchants' associates of cred to demonstrate the efficiency of a gun-by using it on "some wino" outside of Dallas.

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The Harlem proposal, Mr. Crosson said, was made by George Gregary Korkota. He is charged, along with Frank E. Ternil, a former member of the Central Intelligence Agency, with conspiracy to sell 19,000 British Sten machine guns and 10 million rounds of ammunition for \$3.3 million to two undercover detectives.

The detectives, James Rodriguez and Jose Raad, had posed as Latin American terrorists.

Being Tried in Absentia

Both defendants have been fugitives since has September. They are being tried in absentia on the ground they had waived their right to be present. A conviction might offer an opportunity for their extradition from abroad

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Deborah A. Schwartz, Mr. Korkola's attorney, started summations yesterday by asking Acting Justice Thomas B. Galligan of State Supreme Court for a trial delay in view of the shooting of Pope John Paul-Lon-Wednesday.

The judge denied this motion as well as later motions made by her and by Anthony Napolitano, Mr. Terpil's defense lawyer, for a mistrial based on the prosecutor's summation.

Mr. Napolitano charged that an attempt was made to play on fears and concern prompted by the recent attempts to assassinate President Reagan and the Pontiff. Neither case had been circular the prosecution.

Tape Recordings Made

Much of the trial in State Supreme Court at 111 Centre Street in Manhattan has been based on audio tape recordings made by the detectives.

Mr. Crosson, the assistant district attorney, said that Mr. Korkola described Mr. Terpil as having been dismissed from the C.I.A. "for counterfeiting money in Tibet."

Mr. Terpil, the prosecutor said, then decided to use former connections in Libya. Through Libya's leader, Col. Musmmar el-Qaddari, he said, Mr. Terpil started working with Idi Amin, who was then the president of liganda.

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Mr. Crosson said Mr. Terpil had claimed to have trained terrorists and shown Libyans how to use binary liquid explosives more cowerful than dynamite.

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Miss Schwartz argued that Mr. Korkoia saw the machine gun sale as a legitimate business deal. She suggested that he and Mr. Teroil had bragged to build credibility.

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